

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the patent application of MAX ABECASSIS
SERIAL NO.: A division of 07/832,335 filed 02/07/92.
FILED : Concurrently herewith.
FOR : VARIABLE CONTENT VIDEO PROGRAM

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

12/10/1997

Honorable Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified division application, prior to examination on the merits, as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-42 without prejudice or disclaimer to their underlying subject matter and add new claims as follows:

- - 43. (Newly added) A system for playing a video provided by an optical disk, the video including within at least one segment excluded from at least one playing of the video and at least one other segment excluded from at least one other playing of the video, comprising means for, responsive to a viewer's preference for a content rating and responsive to segment information provided by the optical disk, selectively retrieving segments, buffering at least a portion of a segment, and playing, from the video, a continuous version of the video differing in length than the length of the video.